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SUBJ: GOU DENIES STORIES OF RIGHTIST TERRORISM

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1. SUMMARY: THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, ON OCTOBER 31, ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE DENYING FOREIGN WIRE SERVICE STORIES CONCERNING DEATH THREATS AGAINST "FREED POLITICIANS" BY A SUPPOSED RIGHT-WING TERRORIST ORGANIZATION. THE WIRE SERVICES, WHICH HAD BASED THEIR REPORTS ON ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLS, NOW BELIEVE THEY HAD BEEN TAKEN IN. LIKE THE MINISTRY, WE HAVE SEEN NO INDICATIONS OF ANY SUCH THREATS OR OF THE EXISTENCE OF RIGHT-WING TERRORISTS IN URUGUAY AT THIS TIME.

2. THE SUB-SECRETARY OF INTERIOR CALLED A PRESS CONFERENCE LATE OCTOBER 31 TO ISSUE A COMMUNIQUE DENYING EMPHATICALLY FOREIGN WIRE SERVICE STORIES (SENT TWO DAYS BEFORE) WHICH HAD REPORTED THE EXISTENCE OF INDISCRIMINATE DEATH THREATS AGAINST "FREED POLITICIANS". THE COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT NO SECURITY SERVICE HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING SUCH THREATS, THAT THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT A RIGHTIST TERRORIST ORGANIZATION EXISTS IN URUGUAY AND THAT AUTHORI-

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TIES WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE PERSONAL SAFETY TO INHABITANTS

OF URUGUAY. THE STATEMENT CLOSED WITH A COMMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE ARE NO "FREED POLITICIANS" IN THE COUNTRY JUST AS THERE ARE NO POLITICAL PRISONERS. THERE ARE PERSONS INDICTED AND/OR CONVICTED FOR MILITARY OR COMMON OFFENSES AND JUDGED BY THE COMPETENT COURTS.

3. NONE OF THE WIRE SERVICE STORIES WERE PUBLISHED HERE. HOWEVER, WIRE SERVICE REPS TOLD A USIS EMPLOYEE THAT THEY HAD ALL BEEN CALLED BY A TIPSTER WHO SAID THAT A RIGHT-WING TERRORIST GROUP HAD MADE THREATS AGAINST "FREED POLITICIANS". THEY FILED STORIES, APPARENTLY LABELLING THE TIP FOR WHAT IT WAS, AND THE MINISTRY REACTED. THEY ALSO SAID THAT THEY WERE WELL TREATED BY THE MINISTRY, THAT THEY CONSIDERED THE MINISTRY'S REJECTION A SERIOUS ONE AND THAT THEY HAD BEEN TAKEN IN BY AN ANONYMOUS CALLER.

4. WE BELIEVE THE GOU COMMUNIQUE REGARDING RIGHT-WING TERRORISTS TO BE ACCURATE. NONE OF OUR SOURCES HAVE INDICATED THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH AN ORGANIZATION AND THERE HAVE BEEN NEITHER PRIVATE EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN NOR PRINTED MATERIALS COMING FROM LEFTIST SOURCES ON ITS POSSIBLE EXISTENCE.

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